Stayed the Bull.

Brought the Bird Home. That night Paco Romero, future minister of justice, and leader of one of the most

powerful political parties in the Spanish kingdom, might have been seen passing quickly through the dimly lighted streets of the capital, wrapped in a long cloak, and bearing something in his arms with the tender solicitude of a fond mother carrying her firstborn. "Guerrero" had changed his quarters.

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The wife of Senor Romero y Robledo is of Cuban birth, and has vast possessions on the island, so that she doubtless awalts the outcome of the war with considerable anxiety. Their charming daughters are great favorites in society, their father's popularity gaining them many friends, ane, although he has been well to the fore in politics for many years, it is safe to predict that he has not yet arrived at the zenith of his fame. He is ambitious, and all things tend to show that we shall hear more of him later.

STORIES NOT IN THE RECORDS. A Wisconsin Man With a Perpetual Good Feeling-Lumbermen Who Fight With Their Fints. From the Detroit Free Press.

An old soldier of Detroit has a couple of

stories of the late war that will not be preserved in the archives of accepted his-

In almost every engagement of the pres ent war the superiority of the American marksmanship has been noteworthy. It marksmanship has been noteworthy. It has evidenced familiarity with the powers of the great guns of the navy, and of the conditions under which they can do the most effective execution. At Manila, at Matanzas, at Porto Rico, in short on every occasion when it has been possible to display our marksmanship, our gunners have made a spiendid showing. It is not the result of chance, or the fortunes of war by any means, but of hard and constant drilling and beautiful discipline. Our boys can give the defenders of Spain cards and spades in marksmanship, and probably teach a few lessons to the other nations who are looking on with fingers litching of gunners. It is a luxury which Spain cannot afford. Hence her poor showing in the recent encounters which she has had with our ships. This fact may be easily understood when you realize the fact that during the bombardment of Matanzas Uncledes and discharged one of her big guns.

The man at the gun sights his weapon, a mining at the hole in the center of the disc, the sequints which he tries to get as near the exact center of the target as possible. As he squints where to sight the disc, to the gunner's mate where to sight the disc, to the gunner's mate where to sight the disc, the sount goes the piece of the Conservative party, is just now an interesting figure in Spanish politics, in own interesting figure in Spanish politics, it is not unlikely that he is the 'commande a spiendid showing. It is not the target as possible. As he equints the disc, the result of the result of the gunner of the target as possible. As he squints the disc, the disc, the disc, the disc, the disc, the fact that the provided pro

THE SKILL OF GUNNERS

side the bore, and this supports the small firearm in position. The gunner has practically the same opportunity to exercise his skill and accuracy and to maneuver the big gun as he would have if it were heavily charged.

The aiming drill is a most interesting operation, in that no shot is actually fired, and yet the greatest degree of accuracy is obtained. In this drill the marksman mounts a rifle on a tripod, at a distance of usually thirty feet from the target, the operation taking place on the main deck.

The target is a piece of blank paper, ruled off into squares and nailed upon a wooden background about the size of an ordinary door. At the end of this stands the gunner's mate, holding in his hand a circular disk made of tin and perforated in the center with a small hole. This disk has a handle and the gunner's mate holds it over the target. it over the target.

Aiming Drill.

The man at the gun sights his weapon, aiming at the hole in the center of the disc,

From the New York Press. Don Francisco Romero y Robledo, former Spanish minister of justice, and present

frantic, plunging horse and his now thoroughly terrified rider. Romero, who has never been known to allow the smallest opportunity to slip through his fingers, here saw a chance of procuring the bird he wanted so badly, and, leaning over the fallen man, he asked quickly:

quickly:
"Will you give me 'Guerrero'?"
"No," gasped the other. HARCOURT'S OPPONENTS SAY THAT HE LACKS SPIRIT.

Romero waved his capa lightly in the face of the bull, who stood still for a sec-Morley a Disappointment-Man Who Is Selected Must Be Many-Sided _Sir Edward Grey the Most Likely Candidate.

face of the bull, who stood still for a second, apparently astonished at this unexpected act of during; but the great head moved restlessly from side to side, and the rolling, blood-shot eye flashed threateningly on the moving mass on the ground.

"Will you give me 'Guerrero'?" repeated Romero, planting his feet firmly and preparing to divert the enemy from his object.

"No, no, never!" came in smothered accents from behind the struggling horse.

"Then the bull is on you, and God help you!"

"Get him away; help me out of this!" cried the owner of "Guerrero," as the bull, with lashing tail and jaws covered with foam, gave a loud roar and made a dash at the unhappy horse, burying his cruel horns deep in the quivering flesh. The struggles of the prostrate animal, as it rolled in agony, increased the danger of the picador, and as he gazed in terror at the immense head and formidable horns of his brute assailant, the voice of Romero reached him above the din:

"Will you give me 'Guerrero'?"

"Yes, yes; he is yours; only get me out of this."

A bright caps was flashed before the bull's eves England is wondering who is to be the next leader of the Liberal party. Strong, capable young men are not numerous in the party just now, or if there is a giant ready to take the leadership he has given little sign of his presence. The older men are not many sided enough to be acceptable to those who are casting about for a leader to whom they may entrust the fortunes of the party without hesitation. Of the older men in the party who have won prominence in times past, this one is dis-carded now as too old, that one as being too much hampered by tradition, another as lacking in the qualities that are needed

of this."

A bright capa was flashed before the bull's eyes, who, turning quickly to avenge this new insuit, thrust his horns into the flimsy drapery, which was wound over his head by a strong hand, covering his eyes and completely blinding him, so that in his wild efforts to reach his aggressor he gored nothing but the air, and finally stood still, pawing the ground, and emitting roar after roar of baffled rage. When at last he succeeded in disentangling the capa from his horns the horse and rider had disappeared.

BIRDSEYE VIEW OF PARISFROM PHOTS

A Bright Philadelphia Lady Who Is Bugler on Board the

Iowa. Charles B. Helm, the bugler on board the battleship Iowa, is a favorite of "Fight-ing Bob" Evans. He is a Philadelphian.



CHARLES B. HELM.

as lacking in the qualities that are needed in debate, another as being a poor organizer.

Labouchere asserts that there is an ignoble intrigue to oust Sir William Harcourt. The wing of the party which he represents declares that Sir William is the best man to lead, and that he is the one who will give victory to his side finally. On the other hand, the opponents of Sir William assert that he is aging fast and that his leadership lacks spirit sorely.

John Morley, Harcourt's confidential col-

LIBERALS SEEK LEADER | "FIGHTING BOB'S" FAVORITE | OUR CAPTIVE BALLOONS

THEY HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SENT TO THIS COUNTRY FROM PRANCE.

Captive at an Altitude of 2,000 Feet. Ships Can Be Seen From Them 100 Miles Away-To Be

Sent South. From the New York World.

Two military balloons have arrived here on the British steamship Alsatia, from Marseilles. They are for use by ships of the flying squadron. They were made in Paris by Maurice Mallet, who, with M. le Chambre, shares the reputation of being the greatest living authority on aerial navigation. M. Mallet is at present in this city at the request of the war department. He is accompanied by Anthony Variele. 2 celebrated aeronaut, who superintended the balloon expedition that is to penetrate

the Klondike country.

Mr. Mallet and M. Varicle have been em ployed by the war department to conduct experiments with the balloons. Just when they will make their first ascension has not



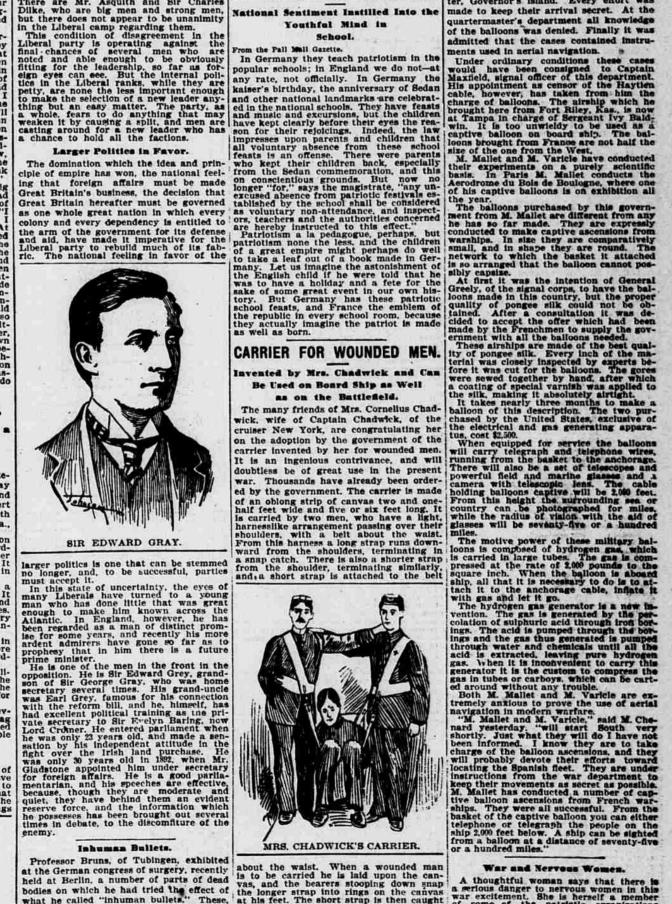
league, who acts for the leader in his absence, has disappointed those who entertained high hopes of him, on account of his wide learning, when he entered parliament. He has the excellences of the student and also his defects, or, rather, his limitations. Thus, his speeches are often too well finished and fall to impress the average political mind in the house. His character makes him studious rather than active, and he loses touch with the house often on little questions which an astute leader of men would not take seriously. There are Mr. Asquith and Sir Charles Dilke, who are big men and strong men, but there does not appear to be unanimity in the Liberal camp regarding them.

This condition of disagreement in the Liberal party is operating against the final chances of several men who are noted and able enough to be obviously fitting for the leadership, so far as foreign eyes can see. But the internal politics in the Liberal ranks, while they are potty, are none the less important enough to make the selection of a new leader any thing but an easy matter. The party, as a whole, fears to do anything that may weaken it by causing a split, and men are casting around for a new leader who has a chance to hold all the factions.

Larger Politics in Favor.

If or he comes from people who have figured in several wars. His grandfather belonged in the haute of the Eighty-eighth Connaught These warbelength which distinguished itself in the battle of the Eighty-eighth Connaught These which distinguished itself in the battle of the Eighty-eighth Connaught These which distinguished itself in the battle of the Eighty-eighth Connaught These which distingu





been determined. It is understood they will go South with the balloons at once. The balloons, in four large packing cases, were addressed in care of the quartermas-ter, Governor's island. Every effort was made to keep their arrival secret. At the quartermaster's department all knowledge of the balloons was denied. Finally it was admitted that the cases contained instru-

Professor Bruns, of Tubingen, exhibited at the German congress of surgery, recently held at Berlin, a number of parts of dead bodies on which he had tried the effect of what he cailed "inhuman bullets." These, he said, were made by filing down ordinary bullet son stones. The effect of such a bullet was terrible, as he could show by his specimens and as was proven in actual bacter. It is the specimens and as was proven in actual bacter. It is the subject of the canvas. This arrangement altoward the subject of the canvas. This arrangement altoward the specimens and as was proven in actual bacter. It is the subject of the canvas. This arrangement when the subject of the canvas. The subject of the canvas and doing well for themselves and for the undertaking in whom "the square of the canvas." It is the control of the canvas. The subject of the canvas and doing well for themselves and for the undertaking in which they are interested, they were the subject of the canvas. The subject of the canvas are the square of the canvas and constantive and patriotic women engaged in the work only soft parts it carried away immense please, often so large that if it struck for instance, the calf of the leg, amputation would be necessary. The injury was so extensive that in no case could one imagine it was caused by a bullet. Therefore he believed that he was justified in naming them inhuman.

Setting Her Right.

From the Bostoa Herald.

"Send me one Buckle on Spain," ordered a book concern recently. A few momen's later the answer went back: "Can find book concern recently. A few momen's later the answer went back: "Can find book concern recently. A few momen's later the answer went back: "Can find book concern recently. A few momen's later the answer went back: "Can find book concern recently. A few momen's later the answer went back: "Can find book concern recently. A few momen's later the answer went back: "Can find book concern recently. A few momen's later the answer went back: "Can find by the hymn, "Buckle on Your Armor." Pa

should call a self-made man. He received his early education at the village school of Antequera, and, being particularly bright and intelligert, was taken in hand by the schoolmaster and the parish priest, who used their influence to get him into the university of Seville, through which he passed with honor. THE CREW AT RIFLE PRACTICE. Had a Bent for Politics. He began dabbling in politics even in his student days, and politicians who laughed

in order that practice may be kept ally drills are substituted, either in orm of sub-caliber or aiming drills.

How They Are Conducted. The great gun practice takes place under conditions as near as possible to those which would arise in actual warfare. The on it both while the ship is moving and while she is stationary.
This target is placed upon a platform

total number of shots fired during one of for a ship, say of the Texas class, be 642. Two 12-inch guns would fire shots each, one each with full charge, wo each with reduced charges. The t of the shot would be 800 pounds be charge of powder from 300 to 400 sec.

nely expensive. Consequently our navy adopted other means of insuring promotes and other means of insuring promotes are obliged to have target practice and revolvers takes place both affoat and ashore at very frequent intervals. And that is why our navy has been so successful in recent encounters. It is one thing not to this necessarily aces the number of shots fired from hy gun.

It is noder that practice may be kept of the poorest marksmans. But it is all good practice.

Whenever possible our navy is perfecting at him with contempt when he first entired their ranks soon began to dread his forceful speeches, unexpected questions and ashore at very frequent intervals. And that is why our navy has been so successful in recent encounters. It is one thing not to finch under fire through pure bravery, and it is another thing to realize that bravery it is backed up by the consciousness of superior skill. And that is why our gallant tars have won such universal praise.

He began dabbling in politics even in his student days, and politicians who laughed at him with contempt when he first entired their ranks soon began to dread his forceful speeches, unexpected questions and extraordinary command of language. As he was at that time the youngest among them he was dubbed "El pollo de Antequera," it is another thing to realize that bravery is backed up by the consciousness of superior skill. And that is why our gallant tars have won such universal praise.

THE WAY OF A WOMAN.

The Pale-Faced Little Woman Would Not Hear Her Husband Maligned, Whatever She Thought of Him.

This target is placed upon a platform supported by barrels. Up from the center somes a pole, on the summit of which is attached a red flag. Then there are four protruding canvas wings or sails, with a semi-circle painted on each, so that no matter which way the target shifts, there is always a bull's-eye to aim at.

The target may be placed at any distance outside of 1,000 yards from the vessels. Twelve hundred yards is usually the range. To each gun is allotted a certain number of fires, or "strings," as they are technically called.

The total number of shots fired during one quarter for a ship, say of the Texas class, and was evidently not of the diplomatic station to inquire concerning the where-aguarter for a ship, say of the Texas class, quarter for a ship, say of the Texas class, with full charge.

"I'm looking for my husband," she said From the Washington Star.

She was a pale-faced, blue-eyed woman of that peculiar type which is the most dependent and helpless creature on earth

timorously.
"Yes'm." responded the officer in a tone
which indicated subdued surprise that she
should be looking for anything so well

An old soldier of Detroit has a couple of stories of the late war that will not be preserved in the archives of accepted history.

"In the Pioneer brigade, to which I belonged," relates this veteran, "there was a Wisconsin man who seemed to have the gift of perpetual good feeling. After Bragg had left Tullahoma on his way to some safer locality, we pushed on to Elk river to repair a bridge. The Wisconsin man, whom I remember as Hank, went down the stream a little way to take a swim, and while he was disporting himself in the water five of Bragg's boys appeared on the bank, covered him with their guns and cordially invited him to come in out of the wet. He promptly yielded to the persuasion and dressed while laughingly telling his captors that if there had been but four of them he would have declined to recognize them as a superior land force, and fought them from the water.

"While the prisoner was awaiting an order to march, the five surprised him by stacking their arms, notifying him that they surrendered and asking to be taken into camp. Like hundreds of others in lower Tennessee during the summer of 1863, they were tired of the fight and glad to get within our lines. The last time I was at a national eincampment I came across the hero of the occasion, and I'll be blowed if he wasn't telling in solemn earnest how he made a sudden dash upon those five Johnnies, surrounded them, disarmed them and marched them to headquarters. Buch stories are apt to grow, even with one who participated in the event, and I was convinced that Hank thought he was telling the gospel truth."

The veteran's other story is about a big member of the red sash brigade who had done yeoman service in the pline woods of Michigan before he entered the army. "I didn't see this," he acknowledges, "but I can bring the proof if it be demanded. At the Bull Run retreat the woodsman stopped to assist a wounded comrade. While he was doing this good Samaritan work he was doing this good Samaritan work he was doing this good Samaritan work he was doi

weight of the shot would be swo pounds and the charge of powder from 30 to 400 pounds. Then there would be thirty-six shots for six 6-inch guns, 288 from twelve 6-pounders, 144 from six 1-pounders and ninety-six from four Hotchkiss revolving cannon. Six shrapnel from 6-inch guns and twenty-six of the sadditional shots would be allowed the secondary battery, in order to give others than those regularly stationed at the guns practice in marksmanship. These days of great gun drill are epochs in the lives of our sailor boys. Four observers are employed to note the accuracy of the fire. Two are in small boats on the water. They determine by means of graduated T squares the point or fall of the shot, whether it be to the right or the shot, whether it be to the right or the shot, whether it be to the right or the shot, whether it be to the right or the shot, whether the shot has gone short or over the mark. The other two observers are stationed on the ships. One notes the number of shot and records the apparent fall as it sppears

TARGET WORK WITH THE BIG GUNS

to the fourth observer, who watches the flight of the projectile. A similar second of the short is kept by each of the observers in the boats. This system applies particularly to when the ship is stationary. In moving practice, whenever possible, the same system of recording is observed, but there are times when this is impossible, owing a Regular reports are made to the admiral of the fleet, and the successful gunners are then indeed happy. Money prizes are given to the best marksmen of the various ships, and quarterly the bureau of navigation issue as a particular. This list contains the names of all the best marksmen of each ship, arranged in order of merit. This in itself fosters a spirit of emulation among the men as well as a keen relarly between the ships, and ship. The honor thus gained is by far more highly appreciated by Jack than the mere money prize.

This list contains the names of all the mere money prize.

But there was something in the word of the admiral of the fleet, and the survive as that prevented the officer from offering further confidence in that directly and the survive as the ship in the service as the ship in the service as the ship and the service as the ship and the service as a price of the state of the service as a price of the state of the state of the service as a price of the state of the service as a price of the state of the state of the service as a price of the state of the

A NEW USE FOR HARDTACK. A Dayton, O., Soldier Boy Writes a Letter on It From Tampa to His Home. the Dayton (O.) Evening Telegram. Mr. Harvey Allen, an attache of the Re formed Publishing Company, Saturday morning received a novel, interesting and characteristic letter from Mr. Herbert Smith, of Dayton, who went to war with

Smith, of Dayton, who went to war with Company I, and is now at Tampa, Fla., with that command.

The letter is written in lead pencil on two sides of a slab of government "hardtack." and came inclosed in the rather rough inner bark of the palmetto tree. It reached the city intact and conveyed in substance the following intelligence:
"Home is heaven and Camp Bushnell a paradise compared with life at Tampa. It is an endless Sahara of blistering sand damaging alike to the feet and the eyes. The boys are allowed two ocean baths every day, and dip into the sait surf with frantic eagerness.
"Government butter is served to put in the coffee, and has to soak awhile before it softens enough to spread on the hardtack." "Polsonous snakes and loss of his city.

tack.
"Poisonous snakes and lots of big alligators are within easy distance of the camp, should their society be sought. The boys are eager and ready to start for Cuba."

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Mr. Allen took the letter home and reverently tied it up in a small American flag as a souvenir. To-day, by mail, he started to Private Smith a fine, big loaf of "whole

"Old Glory" Curtains.

In these days af patriotism, pictures of "Old Glory" placed in the window have been very popular. The chief objection to the smaller flags used in this way is that with the advent of warmer weather the window sash cannot be raised and the flags

still remain. Another thing, they are "hard to make stay" in position. A progressive manufacturer, realizing this, has introduced a window shade like the one shown in the picture that obviates all difficulties and combines convenience and patriotism.